

House Study Bill 55

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BY (PROPOSED DEPARTMENT OF
AGRICULTURE AND LAND
STEWARDSHIP BILL)

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing for license plates for officers of the
2 department of agriculture and land stewardship responsible for
3 ensuring compliance with meat and poultry regulations.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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1 1 Section 1. Section 321.19, subsection 1, Code 2009, is
1 2 amended to read as follows:
1 3 1. a. All vehicles owned or leased for a period of sixty
1 4 days or more by the government and used in the transaction of
1 5 official business by the representatives of foreign
1 6 governments or by officers, boards, or departments of the
1 7 government of the United States, and by the state, counties,
1 8 municipalities and other political subdivisions of the state
1 9 including vehicles used by an urban transit company operated
1 10 by a municipality or a regional transit system, and
1 11 self-propelling vehicles used neither for the conveyance of
1 12 persons for hire, pleasure, or business nor for the
1 13 transportation of freight other than those used by an urban
1 14 transit company operated by a municipality or a regional
1 15 transit system, all fire trucks, providing they are not owned
1 16 and operated for a pecuniary profit, and authorized emergency
1 17 vehicles used only in disaster relief owned and operated by an
1 18 organization not operated for pecuniary profit, are exempted
1 19 from the payment of the registration fees imposed by this
1 20 chapter, except as provided for urban transit companies in
1 21 subsection 2, but are not exempt from the penalties provided
1 22 in this chapter.

1 23 b. The department shall furnish, on application, free of
1 24 charge, distinguishing plates for vehicles ~~thus~~ exempted under
1 25 paragraph "a", which plates except plates on state patrol
1 26 vehicles shall bear the word "official" and the department
1 27 shall keep a separate record.

1 28 (1) Registration plates issued for state patrol vehicles,
1 29 except unmarked patrol vehicles, shall bear two red stars on a
1 30 yellow background, one before and one following the
1 31 registration number on the plate, which registration number
1 32 shall be the officer's badge number. Registration plates
1 33 issued for county sheriff's patrol vehicles shall display one
1 34 seven-pointed gold star followed by the letter "S" and the
1 35 call number of the vehicle. ~~However, the~~

2 1 (2) The director of the department of administrative
2 2 services or the director of transportation may order the
2 3 issuance of regular registration plates for any exempted
2 4 vehicle used by peace officers in the enforcement of the law,
2 5 persons enforcing chapter 124 and other laws relating to
2 6 controlled substances, persons in the department of justice,
2 7 the alcoholic beverages division of the department of
2 8 commerce, disease investigators of the Iowa department of
2 9 public health, officers of the department of agriculture and
2 10 land stewardship responsible for ensuring compliance with
2 11 chapter 189A, the department of inspections and appeals, and
2 12 the department of revenue, who are regularly assigned to
2 13 conduct investigations which cannot reasonably be conducted
2 14 with a vehicle displaying "official" state registration
2 15 plates, persons in the Iowa lottery authority whose regularly
2 16 assigned duties relating to security or the carrying of
2 17 lottery tickets cannot reasonably be conducted with a vehicle

2 18 displaying "official" registration plates, persons in the
2 19 department of economic development who are regularly assigned
2 20 duties relating to existing industry expansion or business
2 21 attraction, and mental health professionals or health care
2 22 professionals who provide off-site or in-home medical or
2 23 mental health services to clients of publicly funded programs.
2 24 c. For purposes of sale of exempted vehicles, the exempted
2 25 governmental body, upon the sale of the exempted vehicle, may
2 26 issue for in-transit purposes a pasteboard card bearing the
2 27 words "Vehicle in Transit", the name of the official body from
2 28 which the vehicle was purchased, together with the date of the
2 29 purchase plainly marked in at least one-inch letters, and
2 30 other information required by the department. The in-transit
2 31 card is valid for use only within forty-eight hours after the
2 32 purchase date as indicated on the bill of sale which shall be
2 33 carried by the driver.

2 34 EXPLANATION

2 35 This bill amends Code section 321.19 which provides for the
3 1 issuance of license plates for state vehicles identifying the
3 2 vehicles for government use. The Code section also provides
3 3 an exception allowing the issuance of nonidentifying license
3 4 plates for use by government vehicles which are driven by
3 5 certain officials including those regularly assigned to
3 6 conduct investigations which cannot reasonably be conducted
3 7 with a vehicle displaying official state license plates. The
3 8 bill extends the exception to officers of the department of
3 9 agriculture and land stewardship responsible for ensuring
3 10 compliance with meat and poultry regulations under Code
3 11 chapter 189A.
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